

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A character information collating apparatus, comprises an inputting section to input image data and a character information data as a data set; an information memorizing section to memorize a plurality of data sets, wherein the plurality of data sets include a plurality of different character information data; and a retrieving section to retrieve the plurality of data sets memorized in the information memorizing section. When the inputting section inputs a new data set including new image data and a new character information data and the retrieving section judges that the plurality of data sets include the same character information data as the new character information data, the new data set is correlated with the data set including the same character information data memorized in the information memorizing section.